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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN

PERMREP BOTH, JULY 24

1. BOTHAD REQUESTED MEETING WITH AMB. MOYNIHAN, OBJECTIVES OF WHICH WERE TO CONVEY SAG'S DESIRES TO COOPERATE WITH US AT FORTHCOMING 39TH GA, AND TO RECIEVE ASSURANCES THAT WASHINGTON IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN UN.

2. ACCORDING TO BOTHA, PRETORIA REMAINS IN PROCESS OF REVIEWING QUESTION OF UN PARTICIPATION. AMONG ALTERNATIVES AT 30TH GA ARE:

A. WITHDRAWAL FROM UN ENTIRELY;

B. NON-PARTICIPATION IN 30TH GA; AND

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C. EXERTING VIGOROUS EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE BUT, FOLLOWING

DEFEATIN FLOOR FIGHT, WITHDRAWAL.

FINAL DECISION CONCERNING 30TH GA STRATEGY WILL BE MADE AT THE TIME BOTHA MEETS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN PARAGUAY, AUGUST 12. SOUTH AFRICA ALREADY HAS DECIDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

3. BOTHA WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO DESCRIBE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY SOUTH AFRICA IN NAMIBIA. AMB. MOYNIHAN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN ANY PROGRESS IS ITS DIRECTION. BOTHA ASSURED HIM THAT DIRECTION WAS A CONSTRUCTIVE ONE. PETTY APARTHEID MEASURES ARE BEING REVOKED TO DEGREE UNIMAGINABLE EVEN A YEAR AGO. A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IS TO BEGIN, WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALL EXCEPT DAMARAS, "WHO ARE BACKWARD NOMADS COMPRISING LESS THAN 8 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, AND WHO ARE WITHOUT LEADERS."

4. CHANGES EFFECTED BY PRETORIA IN NAMIBIA, AS WELL AS PRESSURES ON SMITH IN RHODESIA, HAVE BROUGHT PREDICTABLE BACKLASH FROM EXTREME RIGHT IN SOUTH AFRICA, BOTHA VOLUNTEERED, BUT PRETORIA BELIEVES OF GREATER IMPORTANCE ARE FAVORABLE RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICAN NEIGHBORS. ACCORDINGLY, A MODUS VIVENDI IS BEING SOUGHT WITH MOZAMBIQUE. RELATIONS WITH ZAMBIA HAVE PROGRESSED TO POINT THAT A CHAIR IN AFRIKAANS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA. AND, BOTHA CONTINUED, HE PERSONALLY HAS SHOWN AT LEAST ONE BLACK AFRICAN DIPLOMAT THE REALITIES IN SOUTHWEST AFRICA, WITH WHICH THE AFRICAN ALLEGEDLY WAS IMPRESSED.

5. BOTHA TOLD AMB. MOYNIHAN THAT HE WAS PROPOSING PRETORIA APPROVE AN INVITATION BEING EXTENDED TO 6 OR 7 BLACK AFRICAN DIPLOMATS TO VISIT SOUTHWEST AFRICA ON A COMPLETELY UNGUIDED TOUR AND, IF THE INVITEES SO WISHES, ANONYMOUSLY. BOTHA ASKED US SUPPORT SHOULD SUCH A PROPOSAL BE APPROVED BY THE SAG.

6. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN THANKED BOTHA FOR HIS FRANKNESS, AND ENCOURGED FURTHER MEANINGFUL PROGRESS IN NAMIBIA.
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CONCERNING UN MEMBERSHIP, AMB. MOYNIHAN TOLD BOTHA THAT, WHILE WE DIFFER ON MATTERS, SUCH AS APARTHEID, WE SHARE THE SAME PRINCIPLES CONCERNING UN MEMBERSHIP AND THE ILLEGALITY OF GA SUSPENSION.

7. BOTHA ALSO CALLED ON REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UK AND FRANCE DURING HIS TWO-DAY VISIT TO NEW YORK. HE SKED TO SPEAK WITH AMB. MOYNIHAN AGAIN PRIOR TO SEEING

VORSTER IN PARAGUAY.MOYNIHAN

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